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**Hokioi ranei Pouakai**

**Confident, Respectful, Curious Kids**

**4th March 2011 – Term 1 – Week 5 – Family Issue**

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**WAIKARI SCHOOL NEWS – PRINCIPAL**

Tena koutou, nga mihi ki a koutou,

What a hectic week it has been! We have enrolled 18 new students since Monday and we are now a school that totals 51 students! It has been fantastic to see all of our students interact positively both inside the classroom and around the playground. Many new positive friendships are being developed and I am sure that they will continue into the future.

It is sad to note that one of my past colleagues lost his son during the earthquake. On behalf of Waikari School, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to his family and all those who have lost their loved ones during this truly tragic event.

Last Tuesday, a group of our elite swimmers attended the Hurunui Zone Swimming Sports and achieved some outstanding results. The swimmers involved were: Nic Thornley, Brandon Thornley, Hannah Fletcher, Gussie Cameron, Claudia Bethell, Ben Hassall and Poppy Wilkins. We have included all the certified results in today’s newsletter.

To wrap-up my comments for this week’s newsletter, I would like to personally acknowledge the fantastic teamwork and effort our small school staff have demonstrated and produced during the last 10 days. I couldn’t have asked for more and you have more than delivered!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy a well deserved break with your families.

Ka Kite ano

Andrew Kemp

**Next Community Newsletter**

***~ 11th February ~***

Principal

**Events Coming Up:**

Friday 4th March Community Assembly – 2.30pm (Family and Friends are welcome).

Monday 14th March School Swim-Safe 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Meetings:**

**Church Notices**

**Anglican:** Sunday 6th March St James, Hawarden – 9.00am, Scargill - 10.00am

**Catholic:** Sunday 6th March Hawarden – 6.00pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – You are invited to an Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service on 9th March – 2011 at 6.30pm . Church of Ascension, Waikari.

**Garden Club: Monday 7th March:** **Visit to Ohoka Area.** Travel by car. Meet at the Star & Garter 8.45am and travel to Amberley to meet with Amberley members at 9am. More details later.

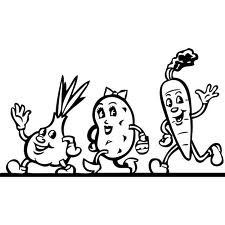
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Meals on Wheels: We are wanting volunteer drivers for our local area on either Thursday of Friday. Can you spare an hour every 8 weeks? Phone – Lee Stevenson – 3144203 for more info.

Hurunui Race & Gala Assn: Monday 7th March – Meeting at Medbury Hall – 7.30pm. New members most welcome. Apologies to Marie - 3144142



Hawarden Netball Club: All players wishing to play this year are requested to attend at least one of the following trial dates. Friday 4th March – 3.30pm: FF & Primary, 6pm: Sec School/Social/Senior and Monday 7th March – 3.30pm: Primary, 6pm: Secondary School/Social/Senior. A trial fee of $20 will apply to each player and will be deducted from Subs. Selection will be on ability not on age (within Hurunui bylaws) Enquiries to Tara – 3142180 or Sam – 3144021. Trials to be held at Hurunui College Courts.

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Hawarden A & P Show – 105th Annual Show – Saturday March 19th 2011

* Come along to a wonderful show which has something for everyone!
* Horses, sheep cattle, donkeys, poultry, and dogs.
* Home produce, handcrafts, photos, fruit & vegetables.
* Dog Trials
* Machinery – New & Vintage and many trade displays.
* Hounds and horses from the 100year old Brackenfield Hunt
* OUR FARE – Full of excellent local goods including wine for you to try and buy
* Richard Till- Cooking Demonstration in OUR FARE
* Mens Pavlova and President’s Choice (which is an open section-cook your favourite dish)

Judged by Richard Till

* McAlpine Pipe Band, Dancing Girls, Clowns, Side Shows and Lolly Scrambles.
* Community BBQ held between 5 – 7.30pm in OUR FARE
* SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

**Messages - Christchurch Earthquake**

* **Calling all parents!** Your help would be much appreciated – if you could kindly donate a can of food and any clothes, books or toys that you have no need for. These items have great value to families in Christchurch. Please drop your goods to Waikari School throughout the week. We are aiming to collect from other rural schools as well. Thanks for your support and generosity. Waikari School F.A.S.T.

* **Free Child-Care:** For those Christchurch families who are staying in the district and for the children of host families Plunket is offering Free Childcare and Friday 18th March (9am – 1pm) and 25th March (9am – 1pm). These will be run as Parent Relief Days at the Hawarden Playcentre and will be funded by our local Plunket sub-branch. Pre-schoolers will be catered for, however older siblings are welcome to come along and likewise if parents wish to stay they are welcome too. We have experienced ladies offering their time so please take them up on this kind offer. Plunket wishes to extend their support to these families and this is one way of doing it. If this proves popular, we may be able to offer more. **It is essential to make a booking, for any questions, contact Kirsten Norton - Phone: 3142007** (Parent relief Supervisor)
* **Help for the Student Army** - Wanted – Muffins (savoury or sweet), slices, biscuits etc. We will arrange collection from the Amberley School (who have agreed this to be a central drop off point) on Friday at about 3.00pm Please make sure food items are wrapped and in a box or container. Do **NOT** send on plates as we cannot be sure of getting them returned.



**Students of the Week**

**For being there for each other this week, you are all amazing!**





These are our Fantastic Swimmers who represented Waikari School at the Hurunui Swimming Sports – Well Done!





**Ben**

**Gussie**

**Ben**



**Swimming Results**

Congratulations to all our swimmers who qualified to represent Waikari School. We did not receive any results for the non-competition races (but would like to acknowledge Ben for performing so well in all his races, “Ben we look forward to seeing you compete next year as a 9yr old”). The following results are for the 9yr and plus final competition races:

**9yr Girls Freestyle – 4th – Claudia Bethell 9yr Girls Backstroke – 3rd – Claudia Bethell**

**9yr Girls Breaststroke – 1st – Gussie Cameron 9yr Boys Freestyle – 2nd – Brandon Thornley**

**9yr Boys Backstroke – 3rd – Brandon Thornley 10yr Boys Freestyle – 4th Nic Thornley**

**10yr Boys Backstroke – 4th – Nic Thornley Open Butterfly Final – 5th Nick Thornley**

**Claudiaa**

**Poppy**

**Nic**

**Brandon**

**Hannah**

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